

IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant: **Davis, et al.** Case: **APPM/8381/ETCH/SILICON**  
Serial No.: **10/805,136** Filed: **March 19, 2004**  
Examiner: **Angadi, Maki A.** Group Art Unit: **1765**  
Conf. No.: **8916**  
Title: **METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A PROCESS FOR FABRICATING  
INTEGRATED DEVICES**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 28, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response expired on March 28, 2007, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claims fees, as required, to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.